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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, OAKLAND DIVISION**

CHASOM BROWN, *et al.*, on behalf of  
themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

GOOGLE LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 4:20-cv-03664-YGR-SVK

**DECLARATION OF STEVE GANEM  
REGARDING GOOGLE ANALYTICS**

Judge: Hon. Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers

Date: September 20, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Courtroom 1 – 4th Floor

1 I, Steve Ganem, declare as follows:

2 1. I am a Group Product Manager at Google. In my role as Group Product Manager, I  
3 am familiar with the Google Analytics product and practices regarding handling of data received by  
4 Google Analytics when a user visits a website that uses this product. In this declaration, I provide  
5 a summary of Google's Analytics product and how it is used by Google's customers. I also describe  
6 the data that Google Analytics may receive when a user visits a website that uses Google Analytics.  
7 I next describe multiple factors that affect whether Google Analytics actually receives, stores, and/or  
8 uses that data. Finally, I describe the factors that affect Google's revenue from the Analytics product.  
9 Except where otherwise indicated, I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge  
10 and could competently testify thereto.

11 2. Google Analytics is a measurement product offered by Google to help app and  
12 website owners better understand how visitors interact with their properties. To use Google  
13 Analytics on a website, customers must create an account, accept the relevant Google Analytics  
14 terms, and add a Google Analytics script—a block of JavaScript code—to the HTML source code  
15 for one or more pages of the website. When a user visits a page to which the Google Analytics  
16 customer has added a Google Analytics script, the script will be included in the HTML source code  
17 delivered to the user's browser in response to the browser's request. When the user's browser  
18 encounters the Google Analytics script, it will fetch JavaScript code that, when executed by the  
19 browser, performs certain tracking functions and may send related data to Google Analytics.

20 3. I am informed that Plaintiffs are asking the Court to certify two classes:

21 **Class 1** - "All Chrome browser users with a Google account who accessed a non-Google  
22 website containing Google tracking or advertising code using such browser and who were  
23 (a) in 'Incognito mode' on that browser and (b) were not logged into their Google account  
24 on that browser, but whose communications, including identifying information and online  
25 browsing history, Google nevertheless intercepted, received, or collected from June 1, 2016  
26 through the present (the 'Class Period')."

27 **Class 2** - "All Safari, Edge, and Internet Explorer browser users with a Google account who  
28 accessed a non-Google website containing Google tracking or advertising code using such

1 browser and who were (a) in ‘Incognito mode’ on that browser and (b) were not logged into  
2 their Google account on that browser, but whose communications, including identifying  
3 information and online browsing history, Google nevertheless intercepted, received, or  
4 collected from June 1, 2016 through the present.”

5 Dkt. 609 at 1.

6 4. I am informed that Plaintiffs allege Google improperly collected the following  
7 categories of information during the Class Period when users with a Google Account visited non-  
8 Google websites that use certain Google web-services—such as Google Analytics and Google  
9 advertising services (the “Services”)—when those users were not logged into their Google Account  
10 and were browsing in Incognito mode or the private browsing modes offered by Safari, Edge, or  
11 Internet Explorer: (1) “[t]he ‘GET request’”; (2) “[t]he IP address of the user’s connection to the  
12 internet”; (3) “[i]nformation identifying the browser software that the user is using, including any  
13 ‘fingerprint’ data”; (4) “[a]ny ‘User-ID’ issued by the website to the user, if available”; (5)  
14 “[g]eolocation of the user, if available”; and (6) “[i]nformation contained in ‘Google cookies’” (the  
15 “Data”). Third Amended Complaint (“TAC”) ¶ 63. I am further informed that Plaintiffs refer to the  
16 X-Client-Data header as a field they contend to be used to identify Incognito users. TAC, ¶ 96.

17 **A. Overview of the Data Google Analytics Receives**

18 5. When used on a website, Google Analytic does not receive certain of the categories  
19 of data described in Paragraph 4. For example, Google Analytics does not receive the X-Client-  
20 Data header, and does not receive geolocation data aside from IP address (from which a geolocation  
21 may be approximated). Before Google Analytics can receive *any* of the categories of data at issue  
22 in Paragraph 4 related to a user’s visit to a specific website, that website’s owner must have installed  
23 Google Analytics scripts in the website’s HTML code. These scripts may be viewed by any Chrome  
24 user by visiting the webpage using Google Analytics and right-clicking on the webpage, selecting  
25 “Inspect,” and then viewing the “Sources.” Other browsers have similar functionality.

26 6. The Google Analytics JavaScript code used by Google Analytics customers is not  
27 designed to know whether a user is browsing using a private browsing mode (“PBM”) such as  
28 Chrome’s Incognito Mode, or to operate differently in that circumstance.

1           7.       When a user visits a website that uses Google Analytics, whether in a PBM or not,  
2 the following categories of data may potentially be sent to Google Analytics:

- 3       ● The HTTP request from the user's browser, including the hostname, browser type, referrer,  
4       and language, and depending on the browser used, Java support, Flash support, and screen  
5       resolution;
- 6       ● IP address;
- 7       ● Metrics concerning on-site activities
- 8       ● Data associated with first party cookies; and
- 9       ● User-ID (if this feature is used by the customer (i.e. the website) and the browser user logs  
10      into their account on that website).

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1           8.       The categories of data potentially received by Google Analytics are explained in  
2 Google's public disclosures<sup>1</sup>:

#### Data Collected by Google Analytics

##### First-party Cookies

Google Analytics collects first-party cookies, data related to the device/browser, IP address and on-site/app activities to measure and report statistics about user interactions on the websites and/or apps that use Google Analytics. Customers may customize cookies and the data collected with features like [cookie settings](#), [User-ID](#), [Data Import](#), and [Measurement Protocol](#). [Learn more](#)

Google Analytics customers who have for instance, enabled the analytics.js or gtag.js collection method can control whether or not they use cookies to store a pseudonymous or random client identifier. If the customer decides to set a cookie, the information stored in the local first-party cookie is reduced to a random identifier (e.g., 12345.67890).

For customers who use the Google Analytics for Apps SDK, we collect an App Instance Identifier, which is a number that is randomly generated when the user installs an app for the first time.

##### Advertising identifiers

Where customers use [Google Analytics Advertising Features](#), Google advertising cookies are collected and used to enable features like Remarketing on the Google Display Network. These features are subject to the users' [Ads Settings](#), the [Policy requirements for Google Analytics Advertising Features](#) and [Google's EU User Consent policy](#), which requires customers to obtain consent for cookies where legally required—including consent for personalized ads. For more information about how Google uses advertising cookies, visit the [Google Advertising Privacy FAQ](#). It is possible to implement Google Analytics without affecting normal data collection where Advertising features are disabled until consent is obtained (see [Privacy Controls in Google Analytics](#)), as well as prevent certain data from being used for advertising personalization purposes (See [Advertising Personalization below](#)).

##### IP Address

Google Analytics uses IP addresses to derive the geolocation of a visitor, and to protect the service and provide security to our customers. Customers may apply [IP masking](#) so that Google Analytics uses only a portion of an IP address collected, rather than the entire address. In addition, customers can override IPs at will using our [IP Override](#) feature.

##### PII Prohibition

Our contracts prohibit customers from sending [Personally Identifiable Information](#) to Google Analytics. Customers should follow these [Best Practices](#) to ensure PII is not sent to Google Analytics.

3           9.       As explained in the "First-party Cookies" section of these public disclosures,  
4 "Google Analytics collects first-party cookies" and other information "to measure and report  
5 statistics about user interactions on the websites and/or apps that use Google Analytics." The  
6 measurement and reporting functionality provided by Google Analytics primarily relies on first-

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<sup>1</sup> See GOOG-CABR-00007815 - 7818 (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/6004245#zippy=%2Cdata-collected-by-google-analytics>).



1 party cookies that are associated with the customer's website. This is because Google receives and  
2 processes this measurement information on behalf of the customer; Google does not share a Google  
3 Analytics customer's data with third parties except in limited circumstances as described in the  
4 Google Analytics Terms of Service.<sup>2</sup>

5 10. A minority of Google Analytics customers use the "User-ID" feature, which lets the  
6 customer "associate a persistent ID for a single user with that user's engagement data from one or  
7 more sessions initiated from one or more devices."<sup>3</sup> Google Analytics will only receive a User-ID  
8 value if the Google Analytics customer has enabled that feature, and Google's public disclosures  
9 further describe that User-ID values are not assigned by Google Analytics, but instead are typically  
10 generated by the customer based on a visitor having signed into their website<sup>4</sup>:

11 **User-ID values are not assigned by Analytics**

12 Analytics cannot generate, assign, or manage the unique IDs that are assigned as User IDs. In a  
13 typical scenario, IDs can be generated through your authentication system, passed to an  
14 account when a user signs-in, and then sent to Analytics. (You can, however, set up User-ID in  
different ways, and are not limited to associating it with account sign-ins.)

15 11. Because the User-ID is assigned by the website, it is not shared across any other sites  
16 not owned by the same owner and therefore cannot be used for cross-site tracking: "[User-ID] data  
17 collected in one property cannot be shared or mixed with data in another property."<sup>5</sup>

18 12. Google Analytics' policies relating to the User-ID feature also state that in using this  
19 feature, a Google Analytics customer "must not upload any data that allows Google to personally  
20 identify an individual (such as certain names, Social Security Numbers, email addresses, or any  
21 similar data), or data that permanently identifies a particular device (such as a unique device  
22 identifier if such an identifier cannot be reset)."<sup>6</sup>

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25 <sup>2</sup> See, e.g., GOOG-CABR-00894408 - 4415

26 (<https://marketingplatform.google.com/about/analytics/terms/us/>).

27 <sup>3</sup> See GOOG-CABR-00006041 (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/3123662>).

28 <sup>4</sup> See GOOG-CABR-00008365 (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/3123668>).

<sup>5</sup> See GOOG-CABR-00008365 (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/3123668>).

<sup>6</sup> See <https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/protocol/policy>;  
<https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/protocol/ga4/policy>.

1           13. As explained in the “IP Address” section of Google’s public disclosures of “Data  
2 Collected by Google Analytics” (referenced above), “Google Analytics uses IP addresses to derive  
3 the geolocation of a visitor.” However, as described below, Google Analytics customers can enable  
4 a feature to mask (anonymize) the visitor’s IP address as soon as technically feasible. Prior to  
5 April, 2022, this IP address anonymization feature was enabled by default and immutable in the  
6 current generation Google Analytics 4 (“GA4”) product. Currently, Google Analytics discards  
7 all IP addresses in the GA4 product upon collection, after determining an approximate  
8 geographic location.

9           14. As explained in the “Advertising identifiers” section of Google’s public disclosures  
10 of “Data Collected by Google Analytics” (referenced above), “[w]here customers use Google  
11 Analytics Advertising Features, Google advertising cookies are collected and used to enable features  
12 like Remarketing on the Google Display Network.” Most Analytics customers do not enable this  
13 feature. These Advertising Features are subject to the user’s Ads settings (e.g., consent to the New  
14 Ads Control and Ad personalization) and policy requirements relating to Google Analytics  
15 Advertising Features. The policy requirements applicable to Analytics customers in relation to  
16 Google Analytics Advertising Features are also described in Google’s public disclosures, including  
17 requirements relating to notifications to visitors<sup>7</sup>:

18           If you've enabled any Google Analytics Advertising features, you are required to notify your visitors by  
19 disclosing the following information in your privacy policy:

- 20           • The Google Analytics Advertising Features you've implemented.
- 21           • How you and third-party vendors use first-party cookies (such as the Google Analytics cookie) or other  
22 first-party identifiers, and third-party cookies (such as Google advertising cookies) or other third-party  
23 identifiers together.
- 24           • How visitors can opt-out of the Google Analytics Advertising Features you use, including through Ads  
25 Settings, Ad Settings for mobile apps, or any other available means (for example, the NAI's consumer opt-  
26 out).

27           We also encourage you to point users to Google Analytics' currently available opt-outs [for the web](#).

28           <sup>7</sup> See GOOG-CABR-00004459 - 4460 (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/2700409>).



1           15.     Chrome includes the X-Client-Data header only in messages it sends to certain  
2 domains, not including domains associated with Google Analytics. Therefore, Google Analytics  
3 does not receive the X-Client-Data header.

4           **B.     A Multitude of Factors Affect Whether Google Analytics Receives, Stores,**  
5           **and/or Uses the Data**

6           16.     Whether Google *in fact* receives the data described in paragraph 7 above depends on  
7 numerous factors, including (1) features and settings enabled by the particular Google Analytics  
8 customer, and (2) features and settings enabled by the user.

9                   **1.     Customer-Enabled Features That Affect Whether Google Receives The**  
10                   **Data**

11           17.     Google receives and processes the information it receives through Google Analytics  
12 on behalf of Google Analytics customers.<sup>8</sup> Customers can view reports about visitors' interactions  
13 with their properties by logging into Google Analytics.

14           18.     Google Analytics customers can use a variety of privacy controls that limit, in whole  
15 or in part, the data sent to Google Analytics when users visit their website. Google explains the  
16 controls available to Google Analytics customers in documents that are publicly available online.<sup>9</sup>

17           19.     For example, a Google Analytics customer has the option to disable Google  
18 Analytics functionality on a webpage, without removing the Google Analytics tag itself.<sup>10</sup> A  
19 customer might use this control to implement its own privacy policy. If the customer gives its users  
20 the option to opt-out of Google Analytics measurement, then the customer may disable the Google  
21 Analytics functionality for that user without removing the Google Analytics tag itself. To disable  
22 Google Analytics measurement, the customer (website owner) sets a window property to "true" for  
23 each page on which Google Analytics measurement should be disabled. Before sending any  
24 measurement data to Google Analytics servers, the Google Analytics Javascript code executing on

25           <sup>8</sup> See, e.g., GOOG-CABR-00894408 - 4415

26           (<https://marketingplatform.google.com/about/analytics/terms/us/>).

27           <sup>9</sup> See, e.g., GOOG-CABR-00004757 - 4759

28           (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/9019185#zippy=%2Cin-this-article>).

<sup>10</sup> See, e.g., GOOG-CABR-05558144

(<https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/user-opt-out>).

1 the user's browser will check the value of that property. If it is set to true, the Google Analytics  
2 Javascript code will not send the measurement data to the Google Analytics servers.

3 20. As another example and as described above, a minority of Google Analytics  
4 customers have enabled the User-ID feature. Because each customer that enables User-ID will  
5 assign its own ID to its users, the same user is likely to have a different User-ID assigned by each  
6 website that has enabled the feature. If a customer has not enabled the User-ID feature for a website  
7 (or the user does not log into the website), Google Analytics will not receive a User-ID when a user  
8 visits the website:<sup>11</sup>

### Data collection begins after implementation

User-ID can only collect data after you've implemented the feature. Implementation includes the generating unique IDs, assigning IDs to returning users, and sending IDs and all related engagement data to Analytics. Any data in your Analytics account collected and recorded prior to implementation cannot be reprocessed and associated with a User ID.

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<sup>11</sup> See [GOOG-CABR-00008365 \(https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/3123668\)](https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/3123668).

21. As another example, a Google Analytics customer can request IP address anonymization in the Universal Analytics product. This feature is designed to help site owners comply with their own privacy policies or recommendations from local data protection authorities, which may prevent the transfer or storage of full IP address information. When a customer requests IP anonymization, the IP address is anonymized as soon as technically feasible, shortly after it is sent to Google. This IP anonymization feature sets the last octet of IPv4 user IP addresses and the last 80 bits of IPv6 addresses to zeros in memory. The full IP address is never written to disk in this case. This IP address anonymization feature is described in Google's public disclosures<sup>12</sup>:

Since 25 May 2010, Analytics has provided the `_anonymizeIp` feature in the `ga.js` JavaScript library (and more recently `ga('set', 'anonymizeIp', true)` in the `analytics.js` library) to allow website owners to request that all of their users' IP addresses are anonymized within the product. This feature is designed to help site owners comply with their own privacy policies or, in some countries, recommendations from local data protection authorities, which may prevent the storage of full IP address information. The IP anonymization/masking takes place as soon as data is received by the Analytics Collection Network, before any storage or processing takes place.

The process of IP anonymization in Analytics takes place within two steps in the collection pipeline: the JavaScript Tag and the Collection Network. These steps are explained below.



22. In Universal Analytics, a prior generation product offered by Google Analytics, IP anonymization is a controllable setting by the customer. To request IP anonymization in the Universal Analytics product, the Google Analytics customer sets a corresponding parameter for their website to "true."<sup>13</sup> Prior to April 2022, IP address anonymization was enabled by default and immutable in the current generation GA4 product. Currently, Google

<sup>12</sup> See, e.g., GOOG-CABR-00005790 - 5791 (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/2763052>).

<sup>13</sup> See, e.g., GOOG-CABR-00055916 - 5941 (<https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/field-reference#anonymizeIp>).

1 Analytics discards all IP addresses in the GA4 product upon collection, after determining an  
2 approximate geographic location.

3 23. As yet another example, a Google Analytics customer can prevent the Google  
4 Analytics Javascript code from setting cookies on the user's device.<sup>14</sup> To disable cookies, the Google  
5 Analytics customer sets a "storage" field on their website to "none." If a customer disables cookies  
6 in this manner, Google Analytics will not receive any value corresponding to the disabled cookies.

7 24. Google Analytics customers have the option to activate certain features called  
8 Analytics Advertising Features and Google Signals. Google Analytics Advertising Features are  
9 described in Google's public disclosures:<sup>15</sup>

## About Advertising Features

Analytics Advertising Features is a collection of features that takes advantage of the Google advertising cookies so you can do things like:

- Create Remarketing Audiences based on specific behavior, demographic, and interest data, and share those lists with Google Ads
- Use demographic and interest data in your Analytics reports
- Create Segments based on demographic and interest data

If you're an Analytics 360 user, you have access to the additional features of being able to see Campaign Manager 360 data in your reports, and being able to create remarketing lists in Analytics and share them with Display & Video 360.

You enable Analytics Advertising Features so that Analytics can collect information about your users from the Google advertising cookies when they are present, along with the information Analytics normally collects.

For more information about the Google's advertising cookies, visit the [Google Advertising Privacy FAQ](#).

If you implement Advertising Features, you must also adhere to the [Analytics Advertising Features Policy](#).

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<sup>14</sup> See, e.g., GOOG-CABR-00073994 - 3997

([https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/cookies-user-id#disabling\\_cookies](https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/cookies-user-id#disabling_cookies)).

<sup>15</sup> See, e.g., GOOG-CABR-00002870 - 2871

(<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/3450482>).

1           25.     When an Analytics customer enables Advertising Features for a given web property,  
2 Analytics collects the information it normally does, as well as Google advertising cookies if such  
3 cookies are present, as described in Google's public disclosures<sup>16</sup>:

4           **Enable Remarketing and Advertising Reporting Features for a**  
5           **web property**

6           When you enable Remarketing for a web property, you can create remarketing audiences from  
7 your Analytics data, and share those audiences with your linked advertising accounts (e.g.,  
8 Google Ads and Display & Video 360) and with [Optimize](#).

9           When you enable Advertising Reporting Features for a web property, Analytics collects the  
10 information it normally does, as well as Google advertising cookies when those cookies are  
11 present.

12           26.     Google Analytics will only process data associated with advertising cookies in  
13 certain scenarios. In the case of a website visitor (user) who is either browsing in a signed-out state  
14 (like all members of the Class) or not a Google Account holder, Google Analytics will only process  
15 data associated with advertising cookies if the Analytics customer has enabled Analytics  
16 Advertising Features and the website visitor (user) has not opted out, as described in paragraph 8  
17 above.

18           27.     Additionally, even if a Google Analytics customer has enabled Google Analytics  
19 Advertising Features, they can disable those features programmatically by setting a value (e.g.,  
20 "allowAdFeatures") to false.<sup>17</sup> Doing so will prevent the Google Analytics Javascript code from  
21 sending advertising features signals to Google Analytics.

22           28.     Google Analytics customers may also choose to limit use of their data for advertising  
23 personalization purposes.<sup>18</sup> Customers may choose to disable advertising personalization for data  
24 collected from their entire property, or to disable it for individual events or users (for apps, websites,

25 <sup>16</sup> See, e.g., GOOG-CABR-00005544 - 5546  
26 (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/2444872>).

27 <sup>17</sup> See [https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/  
28 display-features#disable-advertising-features](https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/display-features#disable-advertising-features).

<sup>18</sup> See GOOG-CABR-00007709 - 7710 (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/9626162>);  
GOOG-CABR-00007815 - 7818  
(<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/6004245#zippy=%2Cadvertising-personalization>).



1 and measurement protocol). Advertising personalization features can also be disabled by Google  
2 Analytics customers programmatically by setting a value (e.g., “allowAdPersonalizationSignals”)  
3 to false.<sup>19</sup>

4 **2. User-Enabled Features That Affect Whether Google Receives Or Uses**  
5 **The Data**

6 29. Users browsing in a PBM can affect Google Analytics’ data collection through (a)  
7 device-level settings on their browser and (b) third party privacy features.

8 **a) Device-level settings on a user’s Chrome browser can affect data**  
9 **collection**

10 30. Device-level features and settings in Chrome affect whether Google Analytics  
11 receives the data described in paragraph 7 when a user is in PBM, or how that data is used. As an  
12 initial matter, if a user uses a PBM (such as Chrome’s Incognito Mode) without signing into their  
13 Google Account to visit a website that uses Google Analytics, the data that Google receives is not  
14 tied to the user’s identity or information that could personally identify the user such as name,  
15 address, email address, or phone number. Google may associate certain of the data it receives  
16 through Google Analytics with a cookie value, but the user can delete that cookie from her browser  
17 anytime, and, in Incognito mode (and other PBMs), the browser deletes cookies automatically when  
18 the user closes the session.

19 31. For example, when a user activates Incognito mode, Chrome will create a new cookie  
20 jar that only stores cookies for the duration of that Incognito session, and those cookies are deleted  
21 when the Incognito session ends. Because Chrome creates a new cookie jar for the Incognito session,  
22 Google Analytics will not receive data associated with any cookies set in a prior session. And if the  
23 user visits the site again in a new Incognito or regular mode session, Google Analytics cannot tell  
24 that it is the same user from the previous Incognito session. It is my understanding that other  
25 browsers’ PBMs handle cookies in a similar manner.

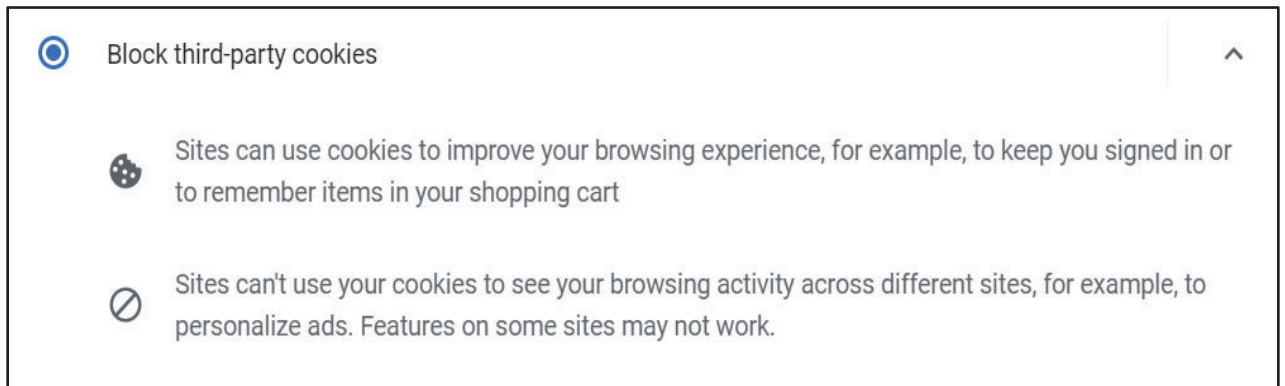
26 32. Other device-level features and settings that affect whether Google Analytics  
27 receives the data described in paragraph 7 when a user is in PBM, or how that data is used, include

28 <sup>19</sup> See [https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/  
display-features#disable-advertising-features](https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/collection/analyticsjs/display-features#disable-advertising-features).

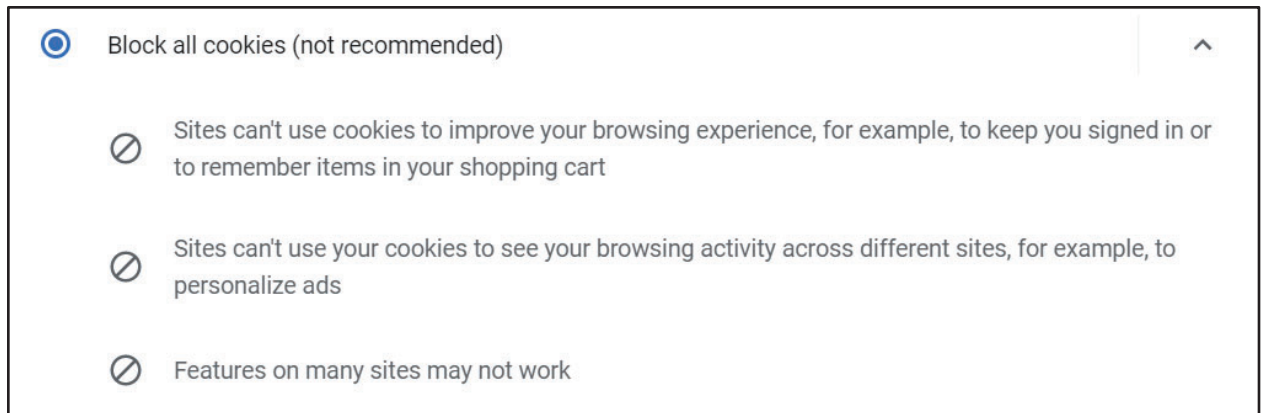


1 cookie and JavaScript blocking options in browser settings, and the Google Analytics Opt-out  
2 extension:

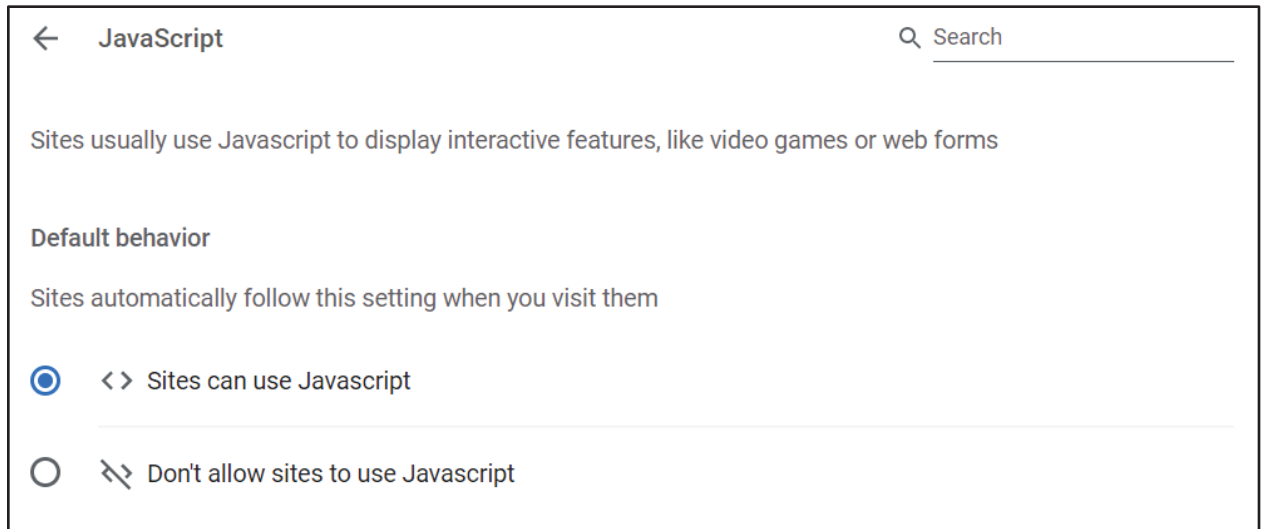
- 3 a. Enabling “block third-party cookies”. For example, Chrome’s settings, which are  
4 accessible via a drop-down menu or by navigating to `chrome://settings/cookies`,  
5 include an option to “block third-party cookies.” I am informed that since  
6 approximately May 2020, the “Block third-party cookies” toggle on the Incognito  
7 Screen is on by default. If this feature is enabled, Google Analytics does not receive  
8 data associated with any third-party cookies. Below is a screenshot of this Chrome  
9 setting:



- 16 b. Enabling “block all cookies”. For example, Chrome’s settings include an option to  
17 “block all cookies.” When the user enables this feature, Chrome prevents websites  
18 and Google Analytics from setting any cookies. If all cookies are blocked in this  
19 manner, the Google Analytics tag will not be able to send those cookie values to  
20 Google Analytics. Below is a screenshot of this Chrome setting:



- 1 c. Disabling JavaScript in Chrome settings. Chrome's JavaScript settings, which are  
2 accessible via a drop-down menu or by navigating to  
3 chrome://settings/content/javascript, include the following option: "Don't allow sites  
4 to use Javascript." Below is a screenshot of this Chrome setting:

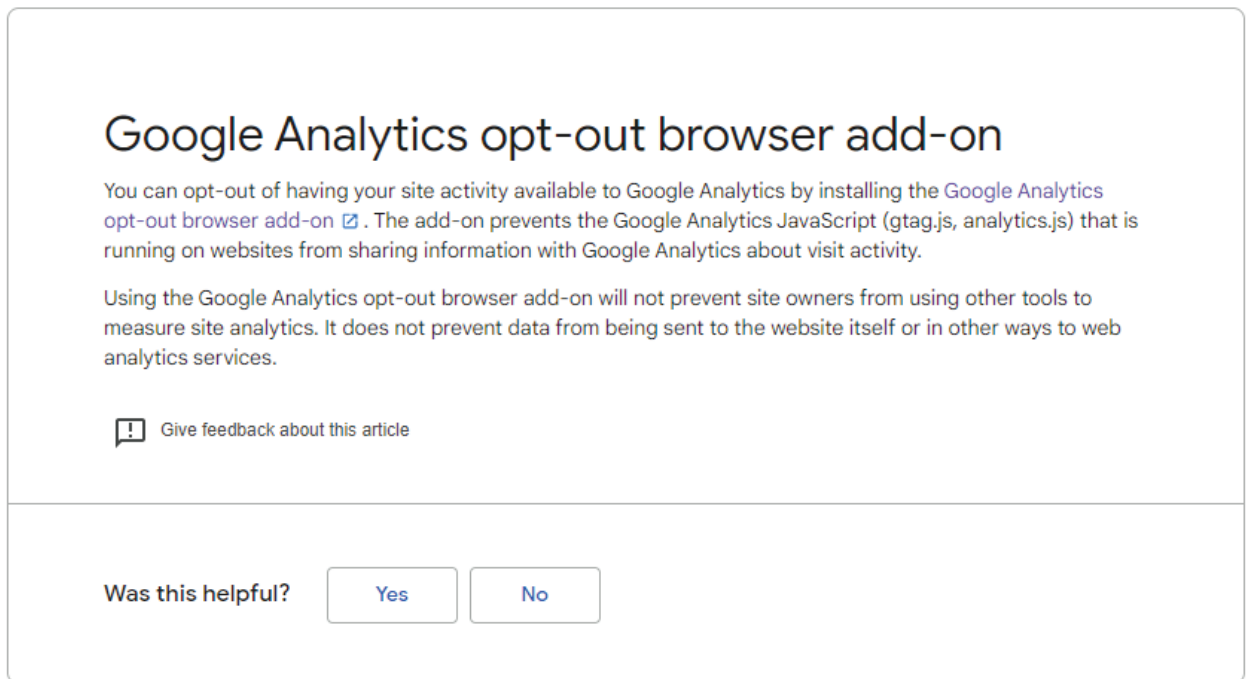


13 When a user selects "Don't allow sites to use JavaScript," Chrome prevents websites  
14 from using JavaScript, including Google Analytics tags based on JavaScript. As a  
15 result, if JavaScript is disabled in this manner, the Google Analytics tag will not be  
16 able to send information to Google Analytics when a Chrome user visits a website  
17 that uses Google Analytics.

- 18 d. Installing the Google Analytics Opt-out Browser Extension.<sup>20</sup> This add-on is a  
19 Chrome browser extension available for download at the Chrome Web Store, which  
20 indicates that it has "1,000,000+ users." When installed by a user, this browser  
21 extension will prevent the Google Analytics JavaScript executing in Chrome from  
22 sharing information with Google Analytics about the user's website visit. Certain  
23 browsers, including Chrome, disable extensions such as the Google Analytics Opt-  
24 Out extension by default in Private Browsing Mode. However, users can enable the  
25 Google Analytics Opt-Out extension such that it continues to operate in Private  
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27 <sup>20</sup> See GOOG-CABR-00051336 (<https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout>); GOOG-CABR-  
28 00073998 - 4002 (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/google-analytics-opt-out/flaojicojecljbmfedhfapmkgghcbnh?hl=en>).

Browsing Mode. Below is a screenshot of the description of the Google Analytics Opt-out Browser Add-on from the Analytics Help Center<sup>21</sup>:



**b) Use of third-party software by the Chrome user can also affect data collection**

33. There are also a number of third-party privacy programs and tools users can employ that affect whether Google Analytics receives the data at issue in this case when users are in PBM, including proxy servers, VPNs, and firewalls.

a. Using a proxy server or VPN. If a Chrome user or her network administrator employs a proxy server or VPN (Virtual Private Network) that masks the sending device's IP address, then Google Analytics would not receive the user's real IP address. Instead, Google Analytics would receive only the IP address associated with the VPN or proxy server.

b. Using a firewall. If a Chrome user or her network administrator employs a firewall that is configured to allow traffic only to specific domains (not including domains associated with Google Analytics), or to prevent traffic to specific domains (including domains associated with Google Analytics), then any transmissions that

<sup>21</sup> GOOG-CABR-00011290 (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/181881>).

1 the Chrome browser attempts to send to Google Analytics will be blocked by the  
2 firewall.

3 **C. Factors That Affect Google's Revenue From Google Analytics**

4 34. There are two versions of Google Analytics: (1) Google Analytics 360, which is the  
5 paid version of Google Analytics; and (2) Google Analytics, which is the free version of this  
6 product. The revenue Google receives for Google Analytics services will vary depending on  
7 whether the Google Analytics customers are using a cost-free or paid version of Google Analytics.

8 35. Revenue from Google Analytics 360 is based on the contract with each customer;  
9 the revenue per contract depends on the volume of hits Google Analytics processes for the customer,  
10 which is distinct from the number of visitors (users) that have visited the customer's website. The  
11 free version of Google Analytics is available freely to any internet website, up to a certain volume  
12 of hits sent to Google Analytics. The customer must use the Google Analytics 360 product if it  
13 wants any traffic over that volume threshold to be included in the analytics tools provided by Google  
14 Analytics. The overwhelming number of websites on the internet use the free Google Analytics  
15 version.

16 36. Google Analytics does not calculate revenue or profits on a per-individual-website  
17 visitor (user) basis. Nor does Google Analytics calculate profits on the basis of the data Plaintiffs  
18 allege Google improperly collected, described in paragraph 4 above. Further, it would be impossible  
19 to calculate Google Analytics' revenue or profits on a per-individual-website visitor (user) basis or  
20 to calculate Google Analytics' revenue or profits tied only to traffic from Incognito users or PBM  
21 users in Safari, Edge, or Internet Explorer who are not signed-in to their Google Account. However,  
22 if one were to attempt to do so, I expect that the revenue and profit over a fixed period of time would  
23 vary widely from one individual to the next on the basis of which Google Analytics customer  
24 websites are visited, and the frequency and volume of these individuals' browsing while they are in  
25 PBM.

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the  
2 foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed in Huntington Beach,  
3 California on August 4, 2022.

4 DocuSigned by:

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